

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 - 14 (Canceled)
15. (Previously Presented) A shelf base for a refrigerator;
 comprising a plate;
 lower retaining rails extending along a lower side of the plate for attachment
 for a support for holding chilled goods; and
 upper retaining rails for another support extend along the upper side of the
 plate.
16. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 15, including said
 upper and lower retaining rails are arranged one above the other.
17. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 15, including said
 upper and lower retaining rails are arranged in the direction of the holder of
 the shelf base in retaining means used for the refrigerator.
18. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 15, including said
 upper retaining rails are connected at least at one of their ends to respectively
 one end of one of said lower retaining rails.
19. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 15, including front
 ends of respectively one of said upper and one of said lower retaining rails are
 connected by a guide profile which spans the front edge of said plate and is
 displaceable along said front edge.
20. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 18, including a
 plurality of clips interconnect all said upper and lower retaining rails.

21. (Canceled)
22. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 18, including at least one of said lower and said upper retaining rails are open at their rear ends.
23. (Currently Amended) The shelf base according to ~~claim 21~~ claim 29 including an upwardly projecting projection formed at the front end of a bearing surface of at least one of said lower rails.
24. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 18, including one of a shell or a bottle holder is mounted in said lower retaining rails as a support.
25. (Previously Presented) The shelf base to claim 18, including a support for drinks cans mounted in said upper retaining rails.
26. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 25, including said support for drinks cans includes a base plate substantially parallel to said plate and includes ribs provided with indentations projecting from said base plate.
27. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 15, including an egg holder mounted in one of said upper or lower retaining rails.
28. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 27, including said egg holder includes a perforated base plate, a pair of side flanks bent away from said perforated base plate and webs which project from said side flanks and engage in said retaining rails.
29. (New) The shelf base according to claim 18, including rear ends of respectively one of said upper and one of said lower retaining rails span the rear edge of said plate and are displaceably connected along said rear edge.